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SUBJECT FEDERAL BYELECTION IN ST.JOHN'S WEST

1. AT FAREWELL LUNCHEON GIVEN FOR ME BY LOCAL CONSULAR CORPS, HONORARY NORWEGIAN CONSUL INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY JOH CROSBIE, PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY, THAT HE WOULD SEEK PC CANDIDACY FOR THE ST. JOHN'S WEST SEAT. CROSBIE HAS NOT YET PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THIS.

2. LIBERAL CANDIDATE HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED FOR BYELECTION. TRADE UNION LEADER TOM MAYO, WHO IS PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CUPE AS WELL AS HEAD OF NEWFOUNDLAND FEDERATION OF LABOUR, HAS BEEN NAMED AS NDP CANDIDATE.

3. COMMENT: CROSBIE IS WIDELY CONSIDERED TO BE BRAINIEST AND HARDEST-WORKING POLITICIAN IN PROVINCE. ALTHOUGH HE HIMSELF NEVER SAYS SO, IT IS RUMORED THAT HE IS LESS THAN HAPPY OCCUPYING NUMBER TWO SLOT IN PROVINCIAL POLITICAL HIERARCHY. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY EITHER IN BECOMING HIS PARTY'S OFFICIAL CANDIDATE OR IN WINNING THE BYELECTION IN OCTOBER.
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